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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))

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publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)

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international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

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the international application as originally filed/furnished

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the description:

pages 1 - 8 as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:

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the claims, Nos. _____

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the description, pages _____

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the claims, Nos. _____

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the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

From WO 0075469 is known an anti-theft device of the kind stated in the preambles of claims 1 and 11. The known device lacks a first part comprising a first plane surface and, perpendicular to said first plane surface, an end wall at which the lock slide is displaceable in a plane parallel to the end wall, and a second part comprising a second plane surface, which in a closed position for the container is parallel to the first plane surface, and a flange which in a closed position for the container is arranged parallel to the lock slide as stated in the characterizing parts of the claims.

This arrangement is believed to enhance the ability of the device to withstand unauthorized opening attempts.

Such constructional features in combination with a locking device of the kind stated in the claims is not suggested in the documents cited in the ISR .

As the anti-theft devices in claims 1 and 11 are new, are regarded to contain an inventive step, and also are industrially applicable, the patentability criteria are deemed to be met.

CLAIMS

1. Anti-theft device for displaying goods in shops and department stores, comprising a container formed by a first part and a second part (10, 11) hinged together, a lock slide (15, 15') inside said first part, which includes at least one projection (20) and can be displaced manually between an engaged position in which the projection engages said second part to lock the parts together in a closed position of the container, and a disengaged position allowing opening of the container, a latch mechanism (26, 37) for latching the lock slide in the engaged position, which can be actuated by means of a special tool to unlatch the lock slide and allow displacement thereof to the disengaged position, and an element for wireless activation of an alarm if the anti-theft device is carried through an exit of the shop or the department store, **characterized** in that

said first part comprises a first plane surface and, perpendicular to said first plane surface, an end wall (12) at which said lock slide (15) is displaceable in a plane parallel to said end wall,

said second part comprises a second plane surface, which in a closed position for the container is parallel to the first plane surface, and, perpendicular to said second plane surface, a flange (22) which in a closed position for the container is arranged parallel to said lock slide,

where said flange, forms at least one L-shaped slot, a first limb (23A) of which is perpendicular to a free edge of the flange and opens in said edge to receive the projection therein at closing of the container with the lock slide in the disengaged position, and a second limb (23B) of which extends transversely of said first limb to receive the projection when the lock slide is displaced to the engaged position.

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2. Anti-theft device according to claim 1 wherein the lock slide (15) includes several projections (20) and the flange (22) forms a corresponding number of L-shaped slots said first limbs (23A) having the same spacing as the

projections.

3. The anti-theft device of claim 1 or 2 wherein the
projections (20) connect a flat surface of the lock slide
5 (15) with a flat surface of a rail (19) extending along the
lock slide the flat surfaces being mutually spaced, and
wherein the flange (22) on said second part (11) is received
in the space between the flat surfaces when the container is
closed.

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4. Anti-theft device according to any of claims 1 to 3
wherein the latch means comprises a spring tongue (26;37)
which is biased by spring action to engaged position but can
be actuated to disengaged position by attraction to a magnet
15 functioning as the special tool.

5. Anti-theft device according to claim 4 wherein the
spring tongue (26) is integral with a plate (25) received by
a depression (24) in an inside surface (13) of the box (10),
20 facing the lock slide (15).

6. Anti-theft device according to claim 5 wherein the
lock slide (15) forms a shoulder (28) the spring tongue (26)
engaging the shoulder in the engaged position of the 15 latch
25 means.

7. Anti-theft device according to claim 4 wherein the
spring tongue (37) is fixedly attached at one end thereof and
forms an angled flap (38) at the other end which in the
30 engaged position of the latch mechanism engages an aperture
(40) in the flange (22).

8. Anti-theft device according to claim 7 wherein the
spring tongue (37) is enclosed by a housing (35) connected
35 with the lock slide (15) and projecting from said first part
(10) of the container to form a finger-grip available on the
outside of the container for manual displacement of the lock
slide.

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9. Anti-theft device according to any of claims 1 to 8 wherein a hinge interconnecting said first and second parts (10, 11) of the container comprises a pin (31) and sockets (29, 30) on said parts, receiving the pin which can be
5 withdrawn from the sockets to separate the parts for exchange of one or the other of the parts.

10. Anti-theft device according to claim 9 wherein a hanger (33) for suspension of the anti-theft device in a rack
10 forms forked projections (34) which are engaged with exposed portions of the pin (31).

11. Anti-theft device for displaying goods in shops and department stores, comprising a container formed by a first
15 part and a second part (10, 11) hinged together; a lock slide (15, 15') inside said first part, which lock slide includes at least one projection (20); a flange (22) extending from an edge of said second part, said flange forming at least one L-shaped slot; where said lock slide is manually displaceable
20 between an engaged position in which said projection engages said L-shaped slot to lock the parts together in a closed position of the container, and a disengaged position allowing opening of the container; and a latch mechanism (26, 37) for latching the lock slide in the engaged position,
25 **characterized** in that said first part comprises a first plane surface and an end wall (12) perpendicular to said first plane surface, at which end wall said lock slide is displaceable in a plane parallel to said end wall, where said second part comprises a second plane surface, which in a
30 closed position for the container is parallel to the first plane surface, and wherein said flange extends perpendicular to said second plane surface and is arranged parallel to said lock slide in said closed position for the container.